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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF KING HUSSEIN

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

FOLLOWING ARE THE REMARKS OF KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN TO  
NEWSMEN IN THE LOBBY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING  
HIS WORKING LUNCH AND MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER  
APRIL 30.

QUOTE:

GENTLEMEN, IT HAS BEEN A VERY GREAT PLEASURE AS USUAL TO  
HAVE VISITED WASHINGTON, TO HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO MEET  
WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THIS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TIME, IN  
TERMS OF OUR PART OF THE WORLD AND OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR A JUST  
AND DURABLE PEACE. I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO MEET OUR  
VERY GOOD FRIEND, DR. KISSINGER, AGAIN. WE HAVE ADMIRERD  
OVER THE PERIOD THAT HAS PASSED HIS DETERMINATION, HIS  
PERSEVERANCE, HIS GENUINE EFFORTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN OUR AREA OF THE WORLD. WE ARE  
PROUD OF OUR FRIENDSHIP. OUR TALKS HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL,  
VERY, VERY FRANK AND I HAVE BEEN SATISFIED WITH THE

RESULTS. I AM VERY HAPPY, INDEED, TO BE IN THE UNITED  
STATES ONCE AGAIN.

QUESTION: DO YOU STILL BELIEVE THERE IS HOPE FOR A STABLE  
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

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KING: I BELIEVE THERE IS A CHANCE. IT MAY BE THE LAST  
CHANCE AND I HOPE IT IS TAKEN BY ALL.

QUESTION: COULD YOU CLARIFY REPORTS THAT SYRIAN TROOPS  
AND MISSILES MIGHT BE PLACED IN JORDANIAN TERRITORY?

KING: WE HAVE THE BEST RELATIONS WITH MOST ARAB STATES,  
BUT THESE REPORTS IN POINT OF FACT HAVE NO SUBSTANCE.

WE ARE NEIGHBORS WITH SYRIA. WE ARE FACING A COMMON THREAT AND DANGER. OUR RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT. I DON'T KNOW HOW THESE REPORTS ORIGINATED BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT AS OF THIS TIME, CERTAINLY I AM THE LAST TO KNOW ABOUT HOW THEY DID.

QUESTION: YOUR MAJESTY, DID YOU ASK FOR NEW ARMS DELIVERIES FROM THE UNITED STATES TO JORDAN AND FURTHER ECONOMIC AID?

KING: WE USUALLY DISCUSS VERY FRANKLY WITH OUR FRIENDS ALL THE PROBLEMS WE FACE AND OUR NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS.

QUESTION: ARE YOU SATISFIED?

KING: THE TALKS HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL AND WE HOPE THE RESULTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

QUESTION: YOUR MAJESTY, DO YOU HAVE A ROLE IN THE FORTHCOMING GENEVA CONFERENCE?

KING: I BELIEVE THAT OUR FRIENDS ARE GOING THROUGH A PROCESS OF REASSESSMENT OF THEIR POLICIES. WE BELIEVE VERY MUCH THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN PLAY A VERY MAJOR ROLE AND ONLY THE UNITED STATES CAN PLAY THAT ROLE AND BRING ALL CONCERNED TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE AREA. WE HAVE LAYED BEFORE OUR FRIENDS THE FACTS AS WE SEE THEM; THE FEARS WE HAVE, HOPES WE HAVE AND IT IS PRESUMPTIOUS OF ME TO SAY WHAT THE STEPS WILL BE THAT THEY WILL TAKE. THOSE STEPS WILL BE DETERMINED BY OUR FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON.

QUESTION: AS AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE  
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WOULD JORDAN PARTICIPATE AGAIN?

KING: THIS QUESTION WILL HAVE TO BE ANSWERED IN THE FUTURE. IT IS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM TO A CERTAIN EXTENT. WE ARE A CONFRONTATION STATE. WE HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH ISRAEL BUT AS FAR AS THE WEST BANK IS CONCERNED, THE RABAT SUMMIT HAS ALTERED THE POSITION OF JORDAN IN REGARD TO THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE OVER PALESTINIAN TERRITORY. SO I THINK IT IS IN ANY EVENT TOO EARLY TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION.

QUESTION: YOUR MAJESTY, YOU USED THE WORDS "LAST CHANCE". WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT?

KING: WELL, THE STORY HAS BEEN A VERY SAD ONE FOR MANY,  
MANY LOST OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE. WE BELIEVE ON THE  
ARAB SIDE WE HAVE GONE MORE THAN HALF WAY. WE HAVE TRIED  
OUR VERY BEST TO OBTAIN THIS DEAR OBJECTIVE AND WE HOPE  
THAT SOME PROGRESS IS MADE AND MADE RAPIDLY BEFORE THE  
CHANCE IS LOST.

QUESTION: AND YOU STILL HAVE FAITH IN SECRETARY  
KISSINGER?

KING: VERY GREAT FAITH.

-- I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. END QUOTE

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